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SOUTHERN RIDES



1 LAS VEGAS STRIP

Did you know the Las Vegas Strip has been designated an All-American Road and is America's only nighttime Scenic Byway?

The Ride (7.5 miles): Start at the "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign—a half-mile south of Mandalay Bay near Russell Road—and continue north on Las Vegas Boulevard for 7.5 miles.



2 RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

Red Rock Canyon's proximity to Las Vegas makes this little ride a big favorite. The route follows a one-way paved road past red sandstone peaks and features self-guided trails, picnic areas, and vista pull-outs.

The Ride (44 miles): Follow Charleston Boulevard until it turns into SR 159 near the outskirts of town, about 10 miles from the Strip. Follow SR 159 around the Red Rock Scenic Loop to Blue Diamond, 23 miles. A left on SR 160 will take you back to Las Vegas, 11 miles.



3 VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

This is Nevada's oldest and largest state park, filled with petrified wood and unusual rock formations.

The Ride (128 miles): Take Interstate 15 north from Las Vegas to SR 169 at Exit 93, 51 miles. Follow SR 169 through Logandale and into the park via the Valley of Fire Road and back to I-15, 45 miles. I-15 south will take you the 32 miles back to Las Vegas. If you're game for a side trip to Mesquite, head north on I-15 for 50 miles. With world-class golf courses and beautiful spas, it's well worth the detour.

4 MOUNT CHARLESTON

At 11,915 feet, Charleston Peak is the highest point in southern Nevada. When temperatures soar in Las Vegas, the mountain air will be a pleasant 20 to 25 degrees cooler.

The Ride (87 miles): On US 95, head north from Las Vegas to Lee Canyon Road (SR 156), 30 miles. Follow Lee Canyon west up the mountain and turn left on Deer Creek Road (SR 158), 15 miles. After nine miles turn left on Kyle Canyon Road (SR 157) and follow it back to US 95, 17 miles. From US 95 it's only 16 miles south back to Las Vegas.



5 PAHRUMP/AMARGOSA VALLEY LOOP

This ride takes you through the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Reservation and Indian Springs, home of Creech Air Force Base and the Predator reconnaissance aircraft. Stay at Longstreet Inn & Casino and explore Death Valley National Park. Longstreet offers clean rooms at affordable rates and amazing evening views of their lake and the Funeral Mountains from the lounge and restaurant. When heading back to Las Vegas, take advantage of the many recreational opportunities in Pahrump, and enjoy the winding mountain road and outstanding desert scenery near Mountain Springs.

The Ride (200 miles): On US 95 head north from Las Vegas to SR 373, 86 miles. Turn south on SR 373, 15 miles to Longstreet Inn & Casino, near the California/Nevada border. Nevada SR 373 becomes CA 127, which you'll follow for seven miles. Just past Death Valley Junction, turn right on State Line Road, which becomes Bell Vista Road, 26 miles. Turn south on SR 160 three miles into Pahrump. From Pahrump, continue another 53 miles on SR 160 back to Las Vegas.

6 GOODSPRINGS & PRIMM

The Pioneer Saloon in Goodsprings is where Clark Gable waited for news about his wife, Carole Lombard, who was killed in a plane crash on nearby Potosi Mountain in 1942. These days the mood is pointedly more upbeat at this biker-friendly bar. Heading 15 miles further south you'll come to Primm, home to Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas, golf, and great casino action.

The Ride (106 miles): On I-15, head south from Las Vegas to SR 161 at exit 12, 31 miles. Follow SR 161 to Goodsprings, seven miles. Get back to I-15 and turn south for 15 miles to Primm. Follow the same route back to Las Vegas, 53 miles.

7 LAS VEGAS TO HOOVER DAM

Are you ready to see one of the more miraculous construction achievements of the 21st century? Hoover Dam is the highest concrete dam in the Western Hemisphere, and the recently completed Mike O'Callaghan/Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge is the second-highest bridge in the U.S.

The Ride (70 miles): Take Interstate 15 south to I-215 east. Travel east on I-215 for approximately 10 miles to the junction of I-215 and US 93/US 95. Take US Highway 93 south and continue about 20 miles to Boulder City. In Boulder City, take a left at the second stoplight in town (there are only two of them). Continue on US 93 for about five miles (just past the Hacienda Hotel) to the turn-off to SR 172—the Hoover Dam Access Road. Take SR 172 for about two miles to the dam on the Nevada/Arizona border.







WESTERN RIDES

8 LAKE TAHOE & GENOA LOOP

A ride around Lake Tahoe will show you why it is considered the jewel of the Sierra. After completing the trip around this gorgeous lake, head for one of Nevada's oldest towns, Genoa, and the biker-friendly Genoa Bar and Saloon, the oldest watering hole in the Silver State.

The Ride (134-149 miles): From US 395 in south Reno, take Mount Rose Highway (SR 431) southwest to Incline Village, 28 miles. Turn right on SR 28 into California and to Tahoe City, 14 miles. California SR 89 follows the west shore of the lake past Emerald Bay and to South Lake Tahoe, 27 miles. Turn left onto US 50 and back to Nevada at Stateline, five miles.

(Genoa Loop-page 12)


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To continue the ride to Genoa, from Stateline, there are two options. Riders can opt to follow US 50 over Spooner Summit east to US 395 in the Carson Valley, 22 miles. Turn right on US 395 and follow it one mile to Jacks Valley Road. Another right on Jacks Valley Road leads into Genoa (nine miles).

The second option is to take Kingsbury Grade out of Stateline to Genoa. Riders will enjoy the scenery and the challenging, steep, winding ride down Kingsbury Grade. From Stateline, turn right onto SR 207 and follow for 11 miles to SR 206. Turn left on SR 206 and follow north to Genoa, six miles.

For both variations, follow Jacks Valley Road north from Genoa to US 395, nine miles, and back to Reno, 34 miles. Heading south on US 395 will take you into magical Carson Valley.

9 PARADISE VALLEY

The town of Paradise Valley is a quaint and quiet place to take a picnic lunch or stop at the local watering hole and general store. Just a short ride north of Winnemucca, Paradise Valley is the center of a ranching and farming oasis in the middle of the Nevada desert.

The Ride (80 miles): From Winnemucca, take US 95 north to SR 290, 22 miles. Follow SR 290 to Paradise Valley, 18 miles. Follow the same route back to Winnemucca, 40 miles.

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A person wearing jeans and boots is sitting on a motorcycle. The motorcycle's rear wheel is spinning, creating a large cloud of white smoke that fills the bottom right of the frame. The motorcycle has a large headlight and a chrome engine cover. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and what appears to be a crowd.

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10 US HIGHWAY 50 & CARROLL SUMMIT

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Explore the Loneliest Road





The Ride (387 miles): From Carson City, follow US 50 east to Middlegate, 108 miles. From Middlegate follow US 50 for three miles and turn right on SR 722. Follow for 59 miles back to US 50 east and go one mile to Austin. From Austin, continue east on US 50 to Eureka, 70 miles. Ely is another 78 miles east on US 50. Continue on US 50 east from Ely to SR 487, 57 miles. SR 487 will take you to Baker, five miles, and SR 488 leads the remaining six miles to Great Basin National Park.

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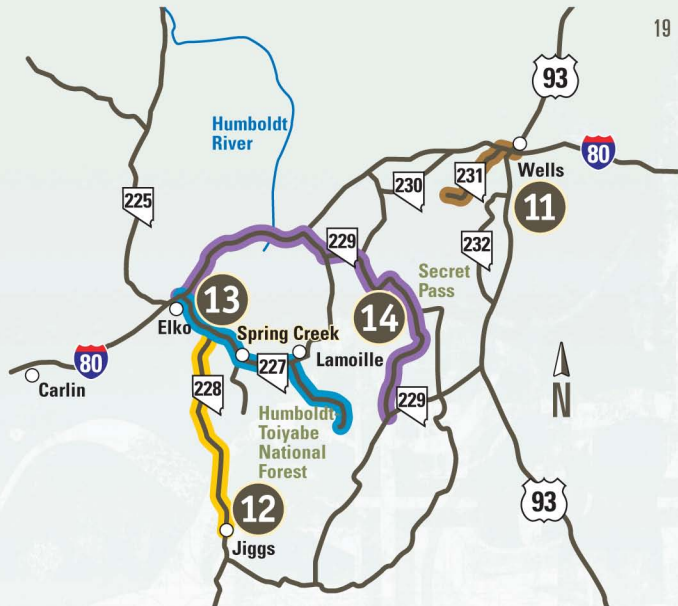
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11 ANGEL LAKE

Angel Lake Scenic Byway is located in the East Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, an impressive backdrop as you make your way toward Angel Lake via this steep and winding road with terrain changing as the altitude increases.

The Ride (24 miles): From Wells, take SR 231 southwest, 12 miles. Follow the same route back to Wells, 12 miles.

12 JIGGS

The small town of Jiggs is located along the Hastings Cutoff of the California National Historic Trail. Be sure to visit the only operating business in Jiggs, the local tavern. Hours are 3-8 pm daily, depending on the weather.

The Ride (68 miles): From Elko, take SR 227 south to SR 228, seven miles. Turn right on SR 228 and continue for 27 miles to Jiggs. Follow the same route back to Elko, 34 miles.

13 LAMOILLE CANYON

Lamoille Canyon is the gateway to the lofty peaks of the Ruby Mountains, renowned as one of the most beautiful ranges in Nevada.

The Ride (64 miles): From Elko to the end of Lamoille Canyon Road is 32 miles south on SR 227. Follow the same route back to Elko, 32 miles.

14 SECRET PASS

This pass separates “Nevada’s Alps”—the Ruby Mountains—from the East Humboldt Range.

The Ride (78 miles): From Elko, follow I-80, 18 miles east to Halleck at exit 321. Secret Pass is 21 miles south on SR 229. Follow the same route back to Elko, 39 miles.



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The Ride (217 miles): From Alamo, follow US 93 north and east to Caliente (54 miles) and take a brief three-mile side trip to Kershaw-Ryan State Park. Continue north on US 93 to Cathedral Gorge State Park (14 miles) and onto Pioche (another 11 miles). From Pioche, Spring Valley State Park and Echo Canyon State Park are 32- and 24-mile roundtrips, respectively. Return to Alamo via US 93 south (79 miles).

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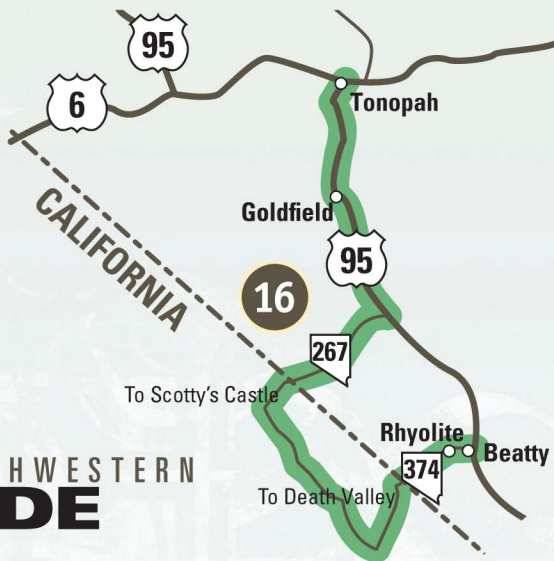
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The Ride (148 miles): From Tonopah, head south on US 95 to Scotty's Junction (57 miles) and turn right on SR 267. Follow SR 267 to the California border (21 miles), where the road becomes Scotty's Castle Road. Stop at Scotty's Castle on your way through Death Valley National Park to Daylight Pass Road (40 miles). Follow Daylight Pass Road (which becomes SR 374 when you cross back into Nevada) 26 miles to Beatty. A brief four-mile side trip leads to the ghost town of Rhyolite near Beatty.

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